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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN, DAY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, LE

SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. LAST 24 HOURS SITUATION HAS TAKEN TURN FOR THE WORST. LAST NIGHT THERE WAS HEAVY FIRING, OF MORTAR, ROCKETS AND OR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS THROUGH ENTIRE BEIRUT AREAM FOR NON-LEBANESE COMMUNITY IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT FIRING SPREAD TO AIN MREISSEH AREA NEAR CHANCERY AND HOLIDAY INN AND PHOENECIA RECEIVED A GOOD MANY ROUNDS. A FEW ROUNDS EVEN HIT CHANCERY BUILDING WHICH CAUSED SOME EXCITEMENT.

2. ANOTHER DISTRURBING FACTOR IS THAT AN EMBASSY SECRETARY ENROUTE HOME APPROXIMATELY 1845 (I.E. WELL PRIOR TO 200 CURFEW HOUR) WAS HALTED ON CORNICHE APPROXIMATELY IN FRONT OF NEW CHANCERY BY THREE ARMED HOODLUMS. THEY ENTERED HER CAR, AND STARTED TO MOLEST HER. FORTUNATELY, BEFORE THEIR ACTIONS BECAME REALLY SERIOUS A LEBANESE ARMORED VEHICLE DROVE UP TO THE PARKED CAR AND THE MEN FLED. YOUNG LADY INVOLVED BORE THIS MOST UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE EXTREMELY WELL AND IS IN GOOD SHAPE BUT THIS INCIDENT  
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NOT CONDUCTIVE TO MENTAL PEACE AND QUIET. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

EMBASSY CLOSING HOURS WILL BE 1600 HOURS. SUN GOES DOWN ABOUT 1700.  
ANY OFFICER WHO RETAINS FEMALE EMPLOYEE AFTER 1600 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR HER SAFE CONDUCT HOME.

3. DIPLOMATIC CORPS JUMPY. SEVERAL COLLEAGUES ARE CONSIDERING  
AN APPROACH TOMORROW (BY NUNCIO, DEAN OF CORPS) TO INTERIOR CHAMOUNE  
KARAME, AND OR FRANGIE. I WILL BE SEEING BRITISH, CANADIAN,  
BELGIAN AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL GO ALONG  
WITH MAJORITY VIEW.

4. BRITISH THOUGH THEIR WARDEN NETWORK HAVE RECOMMENDED VOLUNTARY  
EVACUATION OF NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL. THIS IS GETTING AROUND  
THE VILLAGE. I AM CONTEMPLATING SIMILAR ACTION TOMORROW BUT WISH  
TO SEE WHATNIGHT BRINGS FURTHER AND WHAT THIS AFTERNOON DISCUSSIONS  
REVEAL. MY PRESENT INTENTION IS TO EXPEDITE RATHER FORCEFULLY  
DEPARTURE OF REGIONAL PERSONNEL WHOSE RELOCATION IS APPROVED  
OR UNDER ADVANCED CONSIDERATION.

5. OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS OF 17 OFFICERS  
EMPLOYEES HAVE OPTED FOR EVACUATION. APPROXIMATELY 5 MORE WILL  
SIMILARY OPT BETWEEN NOW AND THIS TIME TOMORROW AND WILL PROBABLY  
BE OUT OF BEIRUT TOMORROW NIGHT.

6. LATEST OF GALLAGHER DYKES CONTAINED SEPTTEL.

7. RSO HAS BEEN ENDEAVORING TO GET RSC TO PAY OFF LOCALS AND  
BRING OUT AMERICANS. AS OF 1230 LOCAL HOUR HE HAS NOT REPEAT  
NOT SUCCEEDED IN THIS MISSION DUE TO FSI REFUSAL TO TAKE HIM  
TO PRINTING PLANT FOR HIS OWN SAFETY.

8. IN THE MIDST OF ALL FOREGOING, ASC LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL  
SEASON BEGAN YESTERDAY BUT POSTPONED AFTER THE 5TH INNING DUE  
TO PROXIMITY OF FIRING.  
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